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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF VISIT TO BERLIN BY SOVIET LABOR DELEGATION

REF: BONN 15433

1. OCTOBER 25 BERLIN PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT BY WALTER SICKERT, CHAIRMAN BERLIN DGB, CONCERNING CANCELLATION EARLIER THIS MONTH OF BERLIN VISIT BY SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATION REPORTED REFTEL. SICKERT CONFIRMED TO MISSION LABOR OFFICER THAT PLANNED PROGRAM OF VISITS EARLY OCTOBER TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES AND MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND UNION OFFICIALS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

IN FRG AND WEST BERLIN WAS CANCELLED WHEN SOVIETS INSISTED THAT BERLIN PORTION BE DROPPED.

2. SICKERT SAID THAT HE GAVE STORY TO PRESS BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH DGB
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS HAD HANDLED SITUATION WELL, IT WAS UNWILLING

TO INFORM PUBLIC ABOUT THIS SOVIET ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE BERLIN FROM
FRG. SICKERT SAID SOVIETS INTENTIONS BECAME APPARENT WHEN THEY
FAILED TO COMMENT ON PROGRAM UNTIL AFTER DELEGATION HAD DEPARTED
FOR FRG, THEN SENT TELEGRAM TO DGB REQUESTING BERLIN BE DROPPED TO
PERMIT MORE TIME IN FRG. (THEY HAD EARLIER REQUESTED SEPARATE
INVITATION FROM BERLIN DGB, WHICH WAS REFUSED.).KLEIN

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